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Mr. Walter A. Hasty, Jr.  
President, Evermay Citizens Association

McLean, VA 22101

Dear Mr. Hasty:

Per your request, I am providing this letter to document my understanding of the commitments made to you and Mr. Shortley on the morning of 17 July 1987 by Mr. Silies of the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT).

Mr. Silies and I met with you and Mr. Shortley to discuss your complaint that the area behind Mr. Shortley's house (between the new wall and Rt. 193) has been stripped of all vegetation. Indeed, all vegetation has been removed! But, based on my inspection and discussions with Mr. Silies and the Architect and Engineering firm that designed the changes, I am convinced that the contractor removed the vegetation because it was necessary to enable him to perform the required work. Nonetheless, both Mr. Silies and I appreciate the disappointment you experienced when the trees were removed, particularly when you were not expecting it. In this regard, I believe Mr. Silies has agreed to take action that will mitigate the impact of removing the existing vegetation.

Mr. Silies pointed out that he will plant large numbers of trees and shrubbery along the complete length of the new wall. While the landscape design places specific items in specific areas, the actual locations of the trees/shrubbery will be determined just before planting. The locations will be influenced by factors such as those that exist behind your house and Mr. Shortley's house; i.e., the absence of any existing vegetation. At our 17 July meeting, Mr. Silies agreed to redirect some of the new vegetation (particularly some of the taller trees) from other locations along the wall to the areas behind your house and Mr. Shortley's house. Further, he agreed to provide you the opportunity to review the final layout prior to planting the new vegetation. Mr. Silies also indicated that he and/or the VDOT field inspector (Mr. Barnette) will be available in the construction area for approximately one month after completion of construction should you wish to discuss any problems with them.

In my view, Mr. Silies is making every effort to accommodate you without interfering with the design of the project. I am confident that he will follow through with the above actions and that you will be satisfied

with the vegetation upon completion of the project. As you are aware, we all worked very hard on the Traffic Advisory Committee (TAC) to obtain a design acceptable to all. The Agency remains committed to the agreements reached during the TAC deliberations. Please do not hesitate to contact me directly if you have a problem in the future that cannot be worked out with Mr. Silles.

Sincerely,

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cc: Mr. Robert L. Shortley